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1. Chefoo (121-24, 38-44) is presently garrisoned by 4,000 militiamen under YAO Tsung-fu (姚宗夫), who is also mayor. Chief duty of this force is coastal patrol. They are equipped with Japanese rifles, machine guns, and sub-machine guns, as well as weapons and ammunition manufactured at the Chefoo arsenal.
2. Also currently stationed in Chefoo are five brigades of the "Shantung Emancipation Army". In contrast to the permanent garrison troops, these units are in Chefoo only temporarily, and may be transferred elsewhere as the military situation in Shantung dictates; but they are of superior training and ability. They also are equipped both with Japanese and locally manufactured arms and ammunition.
3. In all the towns and villages in the Chefoo-Weihaiwei area, the Communists are conscripting men between the ages of sixteen and forty-six, chiefly for labor troops to assist in the construction of defense works, which are being built along the coast and in the mountains near Chefoo. Periodic manpower shortages are reflected in the travel control system which is so regulated that permits for travel within Communist areas are withheld during conscription drives.

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